EXELAND ROD & GUN CLUB

Exeland Wi. 54835

Beware: Trout Infested Waters

Guardians of the Whitetail

→ NWRS Huttman

2600

909 N Valley View Rd.
Exeland, Wisconsin 54835
January 8,2006

Charles Wooley
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bishop Henry Whipple Fed. Bldg.
1 Federal Drive
Fort Snelling, MN 55111-4056

Dear Mr. Wooley:

The Exeland Rod and Gun Club (over 100 members) has instructed me to write this letter to oppose the closing to migratory bird hunting the section of the Upper Mississippi River known as "Big Lake". A number of our members travel over 130 miles and spend many dollars in that area to hunt ducks, a tradition that they've enjoyed for over 40 years. We are unanimously opposed to this closing and want "Big Lake" to remain open to migratory bird hunting. We would like to know the reasoning behind this ridiculous decision.

We as hunters pay for this privilege through our licenses and fees, and it now appears we have also helped pay for the $216,000,000 strategies that take away one of the best hunting areas on the Mississippi. We urge you and the USFWS to return "Big Lake" to its former use. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Norman Rademaker

Norman Rademaker - Legislative Contact Person
Exeland Rod and Gun Club